

CLAIMS

The following is claimed:

1. An electrified tap comprising:

a bushing receivable onto a locknut, the locknut threadingly receivable onto a tap stem;

a lower contact core receivable within the bushing, the lower contact core having a

lower inner contact and a lower outer contact;

an electrical power connection having a first supply pole and a second supply pole, the

lower inner contact connectable to a first supply pole of the electrical power connection,

and the lower outer contact connectable to a second supply pole of the electrical power

connection;

a ferule threadingly receivable onto the tap stem;

an upper contact core receivable within the ferule, the upper contact core having an upper inner

contact and an upper outer contact;

a handle electrical connection having a first handle pole and a second handle pole, the upper

inner contact connectable to a first handle pole of the handle electrical connection, and

the upper outer contact connectable to a second handle pole of the handle electrical

connection;

an inner electrical contact between the lower inner contact and the upper inner contact; and

an outer electrical contact between the lower outer contact and the upper inner contact, the inner

electrical contact and the outer electrical contact achieved without regard to the

orientation of the lower contact core with the upper contact core about the tap stem.

2. The electrified tap of claim 1, wherein the bushing and the locknut are combinable into a unitized bushing and locknut.
3. The electrified tap 1 of claim 1, wherein the electrical power connection is a low voltage power supply.
4. The electrified tap of claim 1, wherein the handle electrical connection serves to provide electricity to a powered element in a handle, the handle mounted on the ferrule.
5. The electrified tap of claim 1, wherein the handle electrical connection serves to energize a light emitting powered element in a handle, the handle mounted on the ferrule.
6. The electrified tap of claim 1, wherein the lower contact core includes a multiple of ribs, the lower inner contact and the lower outer contact deformed by the multiple of ribs to depart the lower inner contact and the lower outer contact from a substantially circular path.
7. The electrified tap of claim 1, wherein the upper contact core includes a multiple of ribs, the upper inner contact and the upper outer contact deformed by the multiple of ribs to depart the upper inner contact and the upper outer contact from a purely circular path.
8. The electrified tap of claim 1, wherein the lower contact core includes a multiple of ribs, the lower inner contact and the lower outer contact deformed by the multiple of ribs to depart the

lower inner contact and the lower outer contact from a substantially circular path; and
the upper contact core includes a multiple of ribs, the upper inner contact and the upper outer
contact deformed by the multiple of ribs to depart the upper inner contact and the upper outer
contact from a substantially circular path.

9. An electrified tap comprising:

a bushing receivable onto a locknut, the locknut threadingly receivable onto a tap stem;
a lower contact core receivable within the bushing, the lower contact core having a
lower contact;
an electrical power connection having a first supply pole and a second supply pole, the
lower contact connectable to a supply pole of the electrical power connection;
a ferule threadingly receivable onto the tap stem;
an upper contact core receivable within the ferule, the upper contact core having an upper
contact;
a handle electrical connection having a handle pole, the upper inner contact connectable to a
handle pole of the handle electrical connection; and
an electrical contact between the lower contact and the upper contact, the electrical contact
achievable without regard to the orientation of the lower contact core with the upper
contact core about the tap stem.

10. The electrified tap of claim 9, wherein the bushing and the locknut are combinable into a
unitized bushing and locknut.

11. The electrified tap of claim 9, wherein the electrical power connection is a low voltage power supply.
12. The electrified tap of claim 9, wherein the handle electrical connection serves to provide electricity to a powered element in a handle, the handle mounted on the ferrule.
13. The electrified tap of claim 9, wherein the handle electrical connection serves to energize a light emitting powered element in a handle, the handle mounted on the ferrule.
14. The electrified tap of claim 9, wherein the lower contact core includes a multiple of ribs, the lower inner contact and the lower outer contact deformed by the multiple of ribs to depart the lower contact from a substantially circular path.
15. The electrified tap of claim 9, wherein the upper contact core includes a multiple of ribs, the upper contact deformed by the multiple of ribs to depart the upper contact from a substantially circular path.
16. The electrified tap of claim 9, wherein the lower contact core includes a multiple of ribs, the lower inner contact and the lower outer contact deformed by the multiple of ribs to depart the lower contact from a substantially circular path; and the upper contact core includes a multiple of ribs, the upper inner contact and the upper outer

contact deformed by the multiple of ribs to depart the upper contact from a substantially circular path.